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MISSING KANE‘OHE SANDBAR SAFETY ZONE BUOYS TO BE RE-INSTALLED

KANE‘OHE -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation staff tomorrow will replace missing buoys that are marking a safety zone at the Ahu O Laka sandbar in Kane‘ohe Bay in preparation for enforcement of a new no-alcohol, no-drugs, no-disorderly conduct emergency rule over the Admission Day holiday weekend (Friday Aug. 19, Saturday Aug. 20 and Sunday, Aug. 21).

DOBOR staff placed six white and orange buoys to mark the sandbar safety zone at the end of June. After the July 4 weekend four buoys were missing. Some had been cut and others dragged into deeper water. Anyone with information about persons responsible for buoy removal is asked to call DOCARE at 587-0077.

Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation administrator Ed Underwood said that “We will continue to replace the buoys which mark the GPS points that establish the safety zone at the sandbar.”

Damage to or removal of safety zone buoys by unauthorized person is punishable under Hawai‘i Revised Statutes for criminal property damage, which is petty misdemeanor offense.

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